



To be considered, applications and nominations must be submitted no later than Saturday, March 31, 2012.

2012 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards Nomination Form

Section 1 | Nominator:

Nominator: _____ Organization: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Section 2 | Project Contact Information

Lead Contact: _____ Organization: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Section 3 | Name of the program, project or activity (as it should appear on the award)

Project Title: _____ Sponsor Type: _____
Project Partners: _____ Project Location: _____

Section 4 | Award category (select the single most appropriate category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and Renewable Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education and Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Performances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education and Outreach - Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement |

Section 5 | Enter the time period over which the project/activity occurred. (Must be completed in 2011)

_____ Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Section 6 | Please provide a summary of the project, program, or activity. (approx. 200 words)

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Section 7 | Please provide a description for each section below for each criteria. Projects will be judged based on the following general criteria as well as the four or more supporting documents required in Section 8.

Results: (25 points)

Describe how the program or project makes a significant contribution to improving the environment, economy and community (project or program has lasting and sustainable impact; magnitude of impact is described, quantifiable, significant, and cost benefits). Nominees may reference attachments or supporting documentation

Innovation and Leadership: (20 points)

How does this program/project or individual show leadership and take steps beyond “traditional” environmental protection efforts? Does the project contribute new information or methods in protecting or enhancing the environment? Projects contribute creative methods to improve and protect the environment. Has it ever been executed successfully before? Is this the first time a project like this is being used in Tennessee? Describe how the project incorporated practices that achieve an environmental benefit beyond what could be achieved using standard techniques.

Addressing Environmental Issues: (15 points)

How does this program/project or individual accomplishment contribute to the environmental needs of the state of Tennessee? How does the scope of the project compare to the size and resources of the sponsoring organization(s)? Nominees may address this issue by describing such issues as originality, effectiveness in improving existing methods of meeting this need and the risks that were overcome. Why the project was initiated, the goals of the project, how the project was accomplished, how the project was funded, and/or whether the project addresses an environmental issue that is particularly sensitive in the region where it is implemented. Projects are ambitious relative to the size and resources of the nominee.

Transferability: (10 points)

How does this program, project, or individual have a long-term impact on their business, community, region or the state? How replicable is the project to other areas i.e., across media areas, into other locations, industries or states? Describe how the project demonstrates transferability to others. Indicate whether the program/project lends itself to replication by other organizations or individuals. Indicate whether any project activities or results are currently being shared with others.

Education and Outreach: (10 points)

What education and/or outreach activities were undertaken for affected individuals (employees, stakeholders, contractors, consultants etc.)? Does the project promote public awareness regarding environmental issues? Nominees may address this by describing any educational, training, or outreach components to the project including brochures, videos, manuals, classes, seminars, or mentoring programs. Projects promote public awareness, student education, or employee/volunteer training. Does it include employee training or technology transfer? Does it encourage other environmental efforts?.

Exceptional Commitment: (10 points)

Does the project solicit an exceptional commitment from those involved in the effort? Nominees may address this issue by describing any sustained efforts that were instrumental in achieving the project's goals; formal agreements reached with key stakeholders such as land developers, local governments or communities; or any change in management practices and/or written policies that may have occurred as a result of the project. Projects demonstrate a sustained commitment to environmental stewardship. Is the project self-sustaining or ongoing? Does it go significantly beyond legal requirements? Does it address other social needs, such as environmental equity? Does it solve a serious environmental problem or result in a significant positive impact on the environment? Does your project take place in a critical region? Does it address high-priority environmental need? Does it address worker or community safety concerns? Describe funding sources for the project, including any creative financing techniques or examples of how additional funds were leveraged. Does it tackle a difficult task?

Environmental Justice: (5 points)

Demonstrates commitment to mitigation of unfair distribution of environmental risks and resources to low-income communities and/or communities of color; uses environmental education to foster culturally and economically diverse community participation to address local environmental concerns; encourages engagement of culturally and economically diverse community in collaborative and/or cooperative environmental initiatives; and advocates for sustainable development of historically disenfranchised communities.

Cooperation: (5 points)

Does the project involve a collaborative effort among various entities? Does this project involve a cooperative effort between multiple entities or organizations (city/state government, industries, civic groups, schools, citizens, associations)? Were partnerships created or strengthened by the project?

Section 8 | Please provide additional information

Nominees are required to submit **four** or more supporting documents that may strengthen their nomination. Examples may include photographs, news clippings, press releases, publications, data sets, process flow diagrams and other materials that can give the judges a more comprehensive view of the project, program or activity. If the nomination is submitted electronically, these documents may be attached to the email that contains the nomination form. If the nomination is submitted via mail, these documents must be included in the envelope containing the nomination form on a compact disc (cd). **Because judges cannot visit all applicants or nominees or view all projects first-hand, applicants are encouraged to submit a reasonable amount of supporting materials with their applications.**

Note: When submitting pictures please describe what is taking place in the pictures. (ex: who, what, where, when and why) This can be done in a PowerPoint presentation.

When you have completed this form, save it and print a copy for your records. The application can then either be attached to an email message or sent by mail. (Email attachments can not exceed 15MB per email) If email attachments are more than 15MB then send separate emails. Once your application has been received by email or mail a confirmation will be sent to the nominator.

Gesa.awards@tn.gov

or mail a copy to:

Tennessee Department of Environment
and Conservation
Office of Environmental Assistance
8th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243
Attn: Kathy Glapa

Projects must comply with the rules below to be eligible for a Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award:

- Be located or residing in Tennessee
- Nominated projects must have been completed in Tennessee during the 2011 calendar year
- Nominees shall have a minimum three years of exceptional environmental compliance
- Be submitted in the required format
- Be submitted by an applicant who agrees to allow a summary of their accomplishments to be published

Please make sure that the following are completed /attached when submitting application:

- Section 1-7 have been filled out in this application
- Four or more supporting documents are attached

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NOTE: All entries are public information and summaries of winning applications will be published. Neither applications nor supporting materials can be returned and judges reserve the right to inspect the applicant's project or program.